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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 16-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 16-19, 22-23, 25, 27-29 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 20-21, 24, 26 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12/17/03 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 10/058,273.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

Preliminary Amendment To Specification

The preliminary amendment to the specification submitted 12/17/03 has not been entered for failing to meet the current requirements of 37 CFR § 1.121. Amendments to a specification must be made by presenting a replacement paragraph or section marked to show changes, and the amendment to the specification of 12/17/03 should be resubmitted in this form.

Objections To Claims

Claims 20, 21, 24, and 26 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(a) for the following reasons:

Claim 20 depends directly from claim 1, and claim 21 also depends from claim 1 by way of its dependence upon claim 20. This appears to be a transcription error however since claim 1 has been canceled by preliminary amendment. It appears that claim 20 was actually intended to depend from new claim 16, and the dependency of claim 20 should be changed accordingly.

Claim 24 appears to be redundant with parent claim 16 since the coils added by claim 24 appear to be the same coils already recited in the parent claim. If this is the case, claim 24 should be canceled.

Claim 26 recites "one of a group comprising a permanent magnet machine, a transverse flux machine, or a switched reluctance machine". The only independent claim present in this case, i.e. claim 16, is however exclusive to the switched reluctance machine in Figure 6. Claim 26 must therefore be amended to delete reference to the other electrical machine types in order to be consistent with parent claim 16.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 16-19, 22, 23, 25, and 27-29 are allowed, and claims 20, 21, and 26 will be allowed if amended to overcome the objections set forth above.

References

Bonnano et al, Litz, and Hines are cited as disclosing pertinent examples of turbines integrated with electric machines. None of these reference however include the specific details of the electric machine recited in the present claims.

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If repeated attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Justine Yu, can be reached at 703-308-2675.

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